



Date: March 13, 2014

To: Nonprofit Community-Based Provider Organizations
Provider Trade Associations

From: Terry Edelstein, Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

Re: Nonprofit Grant Program Update and other News

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GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS

I am pleased to let you know that on March 6, 2014, Governor Malloy announced the [146 projects](#) chosen for potential contracts for a total of \$20 million in funding through the Nonprofit Grant Program. The announcement was made at the Chrysalis Center in Hartford, one of the 81 nonprofit agencies chosen for funding from 38 cities and towns.

In my remarks at the Governor's press conference I noted that "the many organizations that submitted proposals demonstrated loud and clear that nonprofit organizations continue to face challenges in providing services and supports for individuals with disabilities and those with significant challenges. Their project proposals reflected the creativity, ingenuity and strategic approaches necessary to continue to fulfill their missions." I heralded the administration for initiating the bond program, the legislature for supporting the program and the nonprofit community-based providers for articulating their needs so well.

I congratulate this round of Nonprofit Grant Program recipients.

The Governor's full announcement can be found [here](#).

NEXT STEPS FOR THE NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM

While 146 projects are slated for funding in FY14, 407 projects were not funded. The \$20 M in FY14 bond funds only went so far, with \$101 M in total requests by 285 applicant agencies.

The Governor has included a request for an additional \$30 M in Nonprofit Grant Program Funding for FY 15. If approved by the legislature, the total amount of available funds in FY15 will be \$50 M.

The public hearing on the Governor's bond bill is slated for March 13, 2014. SB 29 reads as follows:

(underlined words indicate added language, brackets indicate deleted language)

Sec. 35. Subsection (a) of section 32 of public act 13-239 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

For the Office of Policy and Management: Grants-in-aid to private, nonprofit health and human service organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that receive funds from the state to provide direct health or human services to state agency clients, for alterations, renovations, improvements, additions and new construction, including health, safety, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and energy conservation improvements, information technology systems, technology for independence, [and] purchase of vehicles and acquisition of property, not exceeding [\$20,000,000] \$50,000,000.

OPM will be providing an update about how FY15 funding will be issued. Find updates and further information about the Nonprofit Grant Program [here](#).

Also – make sure that your organization is signed up to receive daily procurement notices from the CT Department of Administrative Services. This is the best way to keep apprised of state funding opportunities, including the Nonprofit Grant Program.

Department of Administrative Services

- [Up to date information about pending RFPs](#)

The Judicial Branch provides email alerts as well:

Judicial Branch

- [Judicial RFPs](#)

GOVERNOR'S CABINET ON NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN 2014

Governor Malloy appointed members of his Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services for 2014. The 13 state agency representatives include the commissioners of the newly created departments of Housing, Early Childhood and Aging that join 7 other state agencies as "Purchase of Service" (POS) agencies.

There are many new faces among the 13 nonprofit provider designees who represent a broad constituency of CEOs of nonprofit organizations.

CABINET MEMBERSHIP

- **Co-Chair** Terry Edelstein, Nonprofit Liaison to the Governor
- **Co-Chair** Peter S. DeBiasi - President/CEO, Access Community Action Agency
- Kathleen Brennan, Deputy Commissioner, CT Department of Social Services
- Cindy Butterfield, Fiscal Director, CT Department of Children and Families
- Roberta Cook, President/CEO, BHcare, Inc.
- Robert Dakers, Executive Finance Officer, CT Office of Policy and Management
- James Dzurenda, Commissioner, CT Department of Correction
- Stephen Grant, Executive Director, CT Court Support Services Division, Judicial Department
- William Hass, President & CEO, FSW, Inc., CT
- Myra Jones-Taylor, Executive Director, CT Office of Early Childhood
- Evonne Klein, Commissioner, CT Department of Housing
- Katharine Lewis, Deputy Commissioner, CT Department of Public Health
- Terry Macy, Commissioner, CT Department of Developmental Services
- James Maloney, President & CEO, CT Institute for Communities
- James Morton, President & CEO, YMCA of Greater Hartford, Inc.
- Lois Nesci, CEO, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford
- Luis Perez, President & CEO, Mental Health Association of CT
- Amy Porter, Commissioner, CT Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Sandy Porteus, Executive Director, Family Services of Greater Waterbury, Inc.
- Rick Porth, CEO, United Way of CT
- Edith Prague, Commissioner, CT Department of Aging
- Maureen Price-Boreland, Executive Director, Community Partners in Action
- Patricia Rehmer, Commissioner, CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services
- Josie Robles, CEO, Hartford Behavioral Health
- Anne Ruwet, CEO, CCARC, Inc.
- Kathleen Stauffer, CEO, The ARC of New London County

CABINET WORK GROUPS

Cabinet co-chair Peter DeBiasi and I will be appointing members of the Cabinet work groups shortly. This year, the Cabinet will be convening 4 work groups:

- Nonprofit Employment Data Work Group
- Training Work Group
- Contract Procurement and Administration Work Group
- Business Practice Work Group

To volunteer to serve on a work group, either as a chair or participant, please complete this form: [Selection form and work group descriptions](#).

Cabinet and work group meetings are open to the public. Sign up to be sure that you receive updates and meeting notices. To be included on notifications for the Cabinet and/or work group meetings and mailings contact Meg Riding at meg.riding@ct.gov

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, 3/25/14	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	State Capitol - Old Judiciary Room - 3rd Floor
Wednesday, 5/28/14	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Legislative Office Bldg. - Room 1B
Friday, 9/12/14	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Legislative Office Bldg. - Room 1B
Thursday, 10/30/14	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Legislative Office Bldg. - Room 1B

FULL CABINET WEBSITE

See the full Cabinet website for the 2013 Report to the Governor and other materials:

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2998&Q=490946>

UNIFORM LICENSING UPDATE

DCF, DDS and DPH licensed entities – your state licensing agencies will be rolling out the uniform license application and web-based system as part of your regular licensing cycle. Use of the Uniform Licensing Application and the DAS-BIZNET site will begin **April 6, 2014**.

Our goal in developing this common application and utilizing the web-based system is to improve the efficiency of the licensing process by consolidating the requirements of each agency's licensing process and eliminating unnecessary duplication of documents submitted for licensing purposes. This should enhance the quality of licensing interactions between DCF, DDS and DPH and the organizations that provide services and supports to the public utilizing these licenses.

We are utilizing the DAS-BIZNET system that most of you already use, to collect and store license applications and other required licensing documentation. This will limit the need for these forms to be submitted multiple times to different or individual state agencies.

More information about the Uniform Licensing process, including which license types will be included in the process, can be found on the Department of Administrative Services website [here](#).

We have also created informational training materials, including a [PowerPoint](#), an [FAQ page](#), and a [video](#).

For questions regarding the Uniform Licensing process or BIZNET, email Brittany Kaplan, public policy intern, at: OPM.Intern10@ct.gov Thanks to Brittany for all of her terrific work in coordinating implementation details!

HEALTH INNOVATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The Healthcare Innovation Program Management Office announced that they have launched the membership solicitation process for the Consumer Advisory Board and the four workgroups (Practice Transformation, Quality, Equity and Access, and Health Information Technology) involved in the state's healthcare innovation planning and implementation process. Interested individuals can go to www.healthreform.ct.gov, for latest news or go directly to the solicitation [here](#).

The member solicitation is directed to consumers, advocates and providers. The Office will work directly with health plans and state agencies to identify representatives from within their organizations. They will also directly engage the Connecticut State Medical Society, the Connecticut Hospital Association, and the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut.

LEAN SHOWCASE

LeanCT is planning a Lean showcase, featuring 10-15 state agencies. The agencies will be displaying their various successes with Lean tools. It will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at the State Capitol (Hall of Flags) from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Provider agencies can come see how the state has been using Lean to improve service delivery. The event is open to the public.

We are also hoping to offer another round of Lean training for nonprofit providers this spring. Details to follow.

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